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WELFARE, MARIAN SLIWINSKI, TO THE U.S.

REF WARSAW 270, STATE 028170

1. THE EMBASSY APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE
PROPOSED VISIT OF MINISTER SLIWINSKI TO THE U.S. THIS YEAR.
WHILE WE UNDERSAND HEW'S RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS NEW
PROGRAMS BEFORE ITS 1977 BUDGET PICTURE IS FIRM, WE SHOULD
POINT OUT THAT, UNDER THE JOINT-FUND ARRANGEMENT, THE POLISH
SIDE IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EQUIVALENT
OF HEALTH-RESEARCH PROJECTS FROM ITS CONTRIBUTIONS. WHILE
THERE ARE PROBLEMS YET TO BE RESOLVED CONCERNING POLISH-
FUNDED PROJECTS, IN PARTICULAR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, WE
TRUST THAT SOME PROGRESS WILL BE MADE IN THIS DIRECTION
DURING THE JOINT BOARD AND U.S.-POLISH HEALTH COMMISSION
MEETINGS NEXT MONTH.

2. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE TIMING OF THE SLIWINSKI
VISIT IS STILL QUITE FLEXIBLE, AND THAT IT COULD TAKE PLACE
IN EITHER APRIL OR JUNE AS BEST SUITS THE SCHEDULE OF
SECRETARY MATHEWS. PLEASE INFORM US ASAP OF HEW'S
DECISION ON THE SLIWINSKI VISIT. IF THE DECISION RE-
MAINS NEGATIVE, WE WILL THEN EXPLORE THE ALTERNATIVE
OF A GE-FINANCED VISIT FOR MINISTER SLIWINSKI.

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